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ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY COMMISSION

City of Columbia & County of Boone
City Hall, Conference Room 1B

Minutes of Tuesday, August 24, 2010

Present: Dan Goldstein, Jean Sax, Scott Ward, Karl Skala, Tom O'Connor, Lawrence Lile, Brandon Renaud, Dick Parker, Alyce Turner, and David Brodsky as the liaison for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Absent:

Guests: Terry Freeman, John Sudduth, John McLaughlin, Pavan Vangipuram

City Staff: Stephanie Brown (Water & Light liaison)

AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the addition of discussions on park sales tax and LEED update.

MINUTES

The July 27, 2010 minutes were approved as modified.

BUILDING CODES

a. Guest Terry Freeman, Water and Light – Mr. Freeman presented the City's position on duct sealing as a requirement in the adopted building codes. He said the City views this as a high priority but there is currently not an efficient market for a cost estimate of the duct blaster test which is the only way to test. There are only two local contractors that have the equipment for the test. He doesn't feel that it should be a requirement when there's no set method for testing. Currently, the City offers a rebate for duct sealing. He said approximately 20% of air is lost through duct leakage and he offered several options for duct sealing. Karl Skala wants compliance no matter what the mandate is, and he also felt that there should be a method to check the progress. Estimated cost for the test is \$250 to \$400. Mr. Freeman said the City's ultimate goal is for every home to be tested.

b. Subcommittee Report – Dick Parker said the subcommittee feels that the best approach would be to adopt the Energy Code in Chapter 11 of the 2009 International Residential Building Codes. There were points that could be modified to balance cost and efficiency. Lawrence Lile went over some modifications to the proposed report citing that some items would make it difficult for builders. Mr. Parker mentioned that the Integrated Resource Plan compiled by Burns and McDonnell said that air conditioner load drives the load capacity requirements for the City and costs effect all citizens. Discussion continued on modifications to the report. Mr. Goldstein entertained a motion to approved the report with modifications and the appendices and present it to Council. Jean Sax made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Lile. The motion passed with one opposition.

RENTAL PROPERTY ENERGY EFFICIENCY SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Freeman suggested a market based approach with the burden of costs on the owner in response to the question posed of the who does the burden rest on. He said recommendations have been sent to the City Manager and Water and Light acted as an advisor to Leigh Britt offering recommendations and

knowledge. Ms. Britt is the contact person for this subcommittee. Mr. Goldstein said to make sure Ms. Britt sees the EEC's recommendations. The subcommittee will gather points of interest for the EEC to review. They will also get feedback from contractors and information from the Legal Department. Discussion continued on the content of the report. Mr. Parker will contact the Legal Department and copy Mr. Goldstein.

LAND DISTURBANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

David Brodsky said the subcommittee requested some changes to the Soil Pile Ordinance clarifying the time periods outlined in the ordinance. Mr. Skala inquired about a manual used and enforced by Public Works and its connection to the ordinance. The manual is a product of staff and can be modified under the direction of council. Discussion continued on referencing the manual in the ordinance and the time length for soil seeding. Mr. Parker made a motion to approve the Soil Pile Ordinance report with modifications and direct it to Council. Scott Ward made a second motion. The motion was approved.

Mr. Brodsky announced that this would officially be his last meeting as P&Z liaison. He also announced that he will be facilitating communication between him and the mayor and he will be discussing the stockpiles and manual in a one-on-one meeting.

PARK SALES TAX

Mr. Skala and Ms. Sax reviewed the letter sent by Tony St. Romaine asking various boards and commissions to review the proposed park sales tax. Mr. Skala felt that the suggestion by Mr. St. Romaine to start reviewing the matrix of the proposal should be left to professionals and Council. The report from the EEC will focus on maintenance of existing trails and land preservation. Mr. Goldstein expressed concern with the political conflicts regarding departmental budgets. Ms. Sax motioned to approve the report as first recommendation and distribute to the Council with a second motion made by Mr. Skala. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Ms. Sax provided an updated on the LEED progress. She said the University of Missouri students are currently reviewing the available projects and will have a decision on September 13, 2010.

Mr. Goldstein distributed a draft letter regarding The Complete Streets Act of 2009 and The Active Community Transportation Act of 2010 for future discussion.

Mr. Skala encouraged commissioners to show support for their favored candidate for the Comprehensive Board position.

Ms. Sax said she has a recommendation for the vacant county EEC position.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.